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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER PIRES TO ATTEND UNGA AND VISIT WASHINGTON

1. CAPE VERDE PRIME MINISTER PIRES WILL REPRESENT GOCV AT UNGA THIS YEAR. IN CONNECTION WITH UNGA ATTENDANCE, PIRES WISHES VISIT CAPE VERDEAN COMMUNITY IN NEW ENGLAND AND CALL ON USG LEADERS IN WASHINGTON.

2. PRIME MINISTER'S TRAVEL PLANS EXPLAINED TO ME JULY 6 BY PRESIDENT PEREIRA WHO ASKED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING OFFICIAL PORTION OF PROGRAM. PIRES IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS GENERAL ASSEMBLY O/A SEPT 22. HE IS PREPARED TO TRAVEL PRIOR TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY DATE FOR REST OF PROGRAM, OR REMAIN AFTER, DEPENDING UPON DPET SUGGESTIONS.

3. PRESIDENT PEREIRA HOPES PIRES WILL MEET WITH INTERESTED CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AS WELL AS EXECUTIVE BRANCH. OBVIOUS APPOINTMENTS ARE SECRETARY VANCE AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG (AT UNGA), OTHER DEPT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AND APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES (SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN FROM MASS AND RHODE ISLAND PARTICULARLY, PLUS BLACK CAUCUS, SENATOR CLARK AND APPROPRIATE STAFFERS).

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4. PIRES' IMPORTANCE AS NUMBER TWO IN GOCV IS INCREASED BY GROWING NUMBER OF RUMORS THAT PRESIDENT PEREIRA IS NOT WELL. PIRES IS LEADING MODERATE IN GOCV AND IN PAIGC. CONSULTATION WITH HIM DURING UNGA SHOULD RESULT IN GREATER SYMPATHY TOWARDS USG POSITIONS AS WELL AS SOLIDIFY INCREASINGLY CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH CURRENTLY DOMINANT

MODERATE GROUP IN GOVERNMENT.

5. PRESIDENT PEREIRA WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT
PIRES' VISIT WELCOME AND THAT APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS WILL
BE MADE BY DEPT. AS I WILL BE BACK IN WASHINGTON JULY 17
FOR CONSULTATIONS, DEPT MAY WISH POSTPONE REPLY UNTIL THEN.
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